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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

BIJL and SCHAAP

Serial No.: 08/821,025

Filing Date: 19 March 1997

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL
BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A
COMPOUND THEREFROM

Examiner: I. Marx

Group Art Unit: 1651

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1651

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Box AF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 29, 2002 and Notice of Appeal filed August 28, 2002, to January 28, 2003. This extension will extend the time the response is due from October 28, 2002 to January 28, 2003.

- A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$.
- A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$930.00.
- A one month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on.
- The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated.
- A check in the amount of \$ is attached.

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Charge \$930.00 to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 251502006900.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 251502006900. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 28, 2003

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